

STORMWATER POLLUTION PREVENTION BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES



Stormwater and trash that goes into our storm drains lead to our local streams, creeks, and lakes. This water can be polluted from common industrial and business activities. Local, state, and federal laws prohibit businesses from allowing anything but rain to enter the storm drains. To help reduce pollution, this handout will describe best management practices for you and your employees to follow. To report an illicit discharge or for more information, please contact the Stormwater Hotline at 972-205-2180.

WORK SITE

- Locate the storm drains on or near your property. Do not allow materials to flow or blow into these drains.
- Perform automotive projects under cover and in a controlled area.
- Identify specific activities with the potential to cause spills or release pollutants such as oil, grease, fuel, etc.
- Sweep areas instead of hosing them down, including parking lots.
- Never hose down surfaces to the street, gutter, or storm drain.
- Use non-toxic cleaning products when possible.
- Cover all waste containers.

PREVENTING LEAKS AND CLEANING UP SPILLS

- Train employees on how to properly clean up spills and waste.
- Clean up spills using “dry” methods.
- Keep spill kits with absorbent materials in the work area.
- Check equipment, wipe up spills, and repair leaks on a daily basis.
- Report all spills as required.

VEHICLE AND EQUIPMENT MANAGEMENT

- Designate an area, away from storm drains, to drain vehicle fluids.
- Keep drip pans on hand to use for any leaks.
- Wash vehicles and equipment in designated areas. Never discharge wash water into the street, gutter or storm drain.
- Use a spray nozzle or rinse bucket to conserve water and minimize wastewater.
- Use a commercial car wash facility whenever possible.

MATERIAL STORAGE

- Materials and waste such as solvents, batteries, and oils should be stored off the ground and in areas where they will not be exposed to rainwater.
- Cover all materials stored outdoors.
- Keep chemicals in original containers and make sure they are labeled properly.
- Keep all containers sealed tightly.



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Help us keep trash out of the creeks! Please pick up all trash on your property!